

## PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
October 28, 2016

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### CONTACT:

Paul Tschida  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Energy & Pollution Prevention Bureau  
406-444-6464  
[ptschida@mt.gov](mailto:ptschida@mt.gov)

### **Workshop on the New Montana Energy Code and Montana Energy Efficient Home Program**

---

(Hardin) A free training on the current standards for energy efficient new residential building techniques and the new Montana energy code will be offered in Hardin on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Fire Hall at 1210 North Custer Avenue. The session is free and open to the public. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the door.

A representative from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will present the energy code training and offer information on energy efficient construction techniques. The workshop is sponsored by Montana DEQ and the City of Hardin.

The session will cover major changes in the new Montana Energy Code such as required blower door testing, additional air sealing, improved window standards, efficient lighting requirements, and air duct sealing testing requirements. A house built to meet the new code should use about 10 percent less energy than a similarly-sized house built to the old code. In addition, a house built to meet new code should offer more comfort and better resistance to moisture damage.

The session will explain how energy efficiency upgrades can significantly increase the comfort level of a home, while providing cleaner indoor air quality, lower monthly energy bills, and possible Montana energy efficiency tax credits up to \$1,000. The program will include photos and examples of lessons learned from Montana builders. Attendees are encouraged to join the discussions on energy efficient building techniques.

For additional information about this session contact Paul Tschida at 406-444-6464 or by email at [ptschida@mt.gov](mailto:ptschida@mt.gov).

The DEQ makes reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this event. If you require accommodation, please contact Paul Tschida by November 15<sup>th</sup> at the above phone number or email address.